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to paint with tincture of iodine. In painting, a line should be drawn between the highest points of the iliac crests and around this a square extending two inches on either side of the spinal column and two inches above and below the line from the crest, should be painted. By this simple method the operator is enabled to locate his landmark, because the highest point of the crest is opposite the spine of the fourth lumbar vertebrae, which is also the level for the introduction of the needle. It is advisable to have a few sterile towels which can be used to cover the parts of the body immediately bordering the field of operation. The proper position for the child is the lateral, prone, with the back toward the operator, the child's head to his left. In order to properly hold the patient, one hand should be placed over the neck and the other under the knees, and the two parts approximated as much as possible. This position of flexion may be relaxed as soon as the needle has found fluid. If serum is to be given, there should be at least two nurses present, one retaining her hold upon the child to prevent any sudden movement, while the other prepares the serum for use by passing the top of the bottle and the cork several times through the flame of an alcohol lamp, in order to insure sterility. The cork should then be removed and the serum poured into the container which the doctor holds. This nurse may then occupy herself with noting the patient's condition during the injection of the serum, being careful to call attention to any change in the color and pulse that may occur. After the needle is removed, the wound should be covered with sterile gauze and an adhesive strapping should be firmly applied. If there is any uncertainty about the dressing remaining in place, it is best to support it with a binder. The use of collodion for sealing the wound is objectionable if other punctures are to be made.

THE RED CROSS PARADE

All who saw the Red Cross parade in New York City on October 4, agree that it was a beautiful and impressive sight. It was a visible demonstration of the multitude of women enrolled through the Red Cross for their country's service, in one branch or another, in this locality. It could undoubtedly be duplicated in almost any of the working centres of the country in proportion to the population. The awakened and patriotic towns and smaller cities are doing as well or better than the larger ones.